

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Pigeon River Country Forest Management Unit

YOE 2008 Compartment Review Notes

PRC Headquarters - August 10, 2006

Attendees: Dayle Garlock, FMFMD; Doug Heym, FMFMD; Donovan Asselin, FMFMD; Jim Bielecki, FMFMD; Rick Mc Donald, FMFMD; Don Mittlestat, FMFMD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Glen Matthews, WLD; Penney Melchoir, WLD; John Pilon, FMFMD; Joshua Cohen, MNFI; Becky Schillo, MNFI; Ken Cramer, Canada Creek Ranch; Bob Jacobson, MUCC; Jim Supina, PRAC & MUCC; Tom Wellman, FMFMD; Nick Dohm, FMFMD

General comments from stakeholders that were provided at the Open House or otherwise during the comment period were discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

Comments were provided by: Tim Flynn, Sierra Club; Bob Jacobson, MUCC; Tim Cwalinski, MDNR fisheries biologist; Brian Mastenbrook, MDNR wildlife biologist; Joshua Cohen, MNFI; Charlie Davis; Donna & Pat Morgan; Douglas Doherty; Jack & Bonnie Owen; Roger Moore; Richard Kropf; Mel Stokes; Steve Rodock; Bill Burgess; Tom Carlson

Comp 61 (Rick McDonald)

Ken Cramer, Canada Creek Ranch, inquired about the relatively small size of clearcuts considering elk browsing and acceptable regeneration levels. It was stated that less than full stocking, if documented in the database, was acceptable. Ken claims the land cannot support elk herd at its current level.

Comments from Tim Flynn and Bob Jacobson were read and discussed. No changes made to prescriptions.

- Stand 55 – Based on discussion with Standards and Limitations Committee (SLC) of PRC Advisory Council, stand line changed to expand into stand 51 about eight acres so as to not have to split stand 51 when it is cut in the future.
- Stand 77 - SLC recommended splitting stand 77. Decision was made to not split it and stay with original prescription.
- Stand 39 – Based on discussion with SLC, remove cutting prescription.
- Stand 44 – Based on discussion with SLC, split out portion west of pipeline and south of stand 39 and form into new stand that is not prescribed for cut.
- Stand 45 – Leave clump of 15 – 25 large white and red pine in far west part of stand uncut for retention.
- Stand 64 – Based on input from fish biologist, add comment that riparian management zone will follow natural contour approximating 300 feet.

Comp 21 (Rick McDonald)

Comments from Tim Cwalinski, Bob Jacobson, and Joshua Cohen were read and discussed. Changes noted below.

- Stands 64, 65, 66, 67 – Change to Stand Condition 8 and add comment: Recommend nomination of SCA as a representative sample of white pine, hemlock, and cedar with large boles and relatively large amount of coarse woody debris suitable as nurse logs for hemlock regeneration.
- Stand 17 – Prescribe final harvest. Stand comment changed to list acceptable species for regeneration.

- Stand 402 – Based on input from Bob Jacobson, prescribe opening maintenance. Comment: Leave some cherry. Treat along with stand 405 in Comp 20 to the north.
- Stand 48 – Add comment: Restrict harvest from March 1 through August 31 for special concern species.

Comp 13 (Rick McDonald)

Comments from Bob Jacobson were read and discussed. No changes made to prescriptions.

- Stands 1, 2, 13, 400, 405, 406 - Change to Stand Condition 8. Add comment: Recommend stands be nominated as SCA – Grindstone Natural Area. (Proposed for legal dedication). Also, update coding and comment for Comp 14 stands 1 and 2.
- Compartment Narrative - In recreation section add: High Country Pathway travels through NE quarter of section 31.
- Stand 67 – Split approximately 8 acres out of south end of stand and make it a new stand that is unprescribed.
- Stand 58 - Split out portion of stand north of the narrows between stands 57 and 416 and prescribe seed tree harvest and mechanical scarification.

Comp 37 (Don Mittlestat)

Comments from Bob Jacobson, Tim Flynn, Tom Carlson and Josh Cohen were read and discussed. Changes are noted below.

- Stand 75 – Resolve discrepancy between map and database.
- Stands 401, 402 – Prescribe opening maintenance.
- Stand 46 – As per Josh Cohen's input - Comment: Buffer along the bog for secretive locust.
- Stand 41 – Comment: Retain more trees in narrows between stands 38 and 409 to lessen visual impact.

Comp 43 (Don Mittlestat)

Comments from Tim Flynn, Bob Jacobson, and Joshua Cohen were read and discussed. No changes made to prescriptions.

- Stands 30, 31, 32 – Add “SCA” into comment field for querying purposes.
- Map – Investigate location of horse trail.

Comp 46 (Don Mittlestat)

Comments from Bob Jacobson were read and discussed. Changes are noted below.

- Stand 31 – As per Bob Jacobson's input, prescribe final harvest.
- Stand 403 – Prescribe opening maintenance/restoration.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed upon.

John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

Signature

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